

## **REGION 8 WEEKLY REPORT – November 19, 2020**

### **Hot Topics:**

**The Region 8 Will Present Virtual “Messaging for Change” Training** On November 30, 2020, Region 8 CSES Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) staff will present “Messaging for Change” training at Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, Colorado. Approximately 20 attendees expected. The training will include a 50-minute presentation, plus pre and post presentation activities.

**Region 8 Will Participate in the Colorado Department of Agriculture “Colorado Proud Event”** On December 3, 2020, Region 8’s Sustainable Materials Management Coordinator will be a panelist for the “Iconic Times for Colorado Agriculture: 2020 Learnings and 2021 Futureproofing” session. The panel will share learnings from 2020, a year of disruption, while discussing predictions, trends and strategies for 2021 and beyond. Region 8 will focus on environmental concerns from consumers, food waste reduction strategies, and EPA collaboration with agriculture. Event speakers will include Colorado Governor Jared Polis; Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg (moderator and opening/closing remarks); Former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (2009-2017) Tom Vilsack; President and CEO, U.S. Dairy Export Council; and Feeding America Board of Directors.

**Region 8 Entered into an Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) to Resolve Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Violations with Rio Mesa Resources Inc. in Rangely, Colorado** Region 8 entered into an ESA with Rio Mesa Resources, Inc. to resolve violations of SPCC regulations. Region 8’s Regional Judicial Officer issued a final order approving the ESA on November 12, 2020. Rio Mesa Resources did not have a SPCC Plan at the time of EPA’s inspection. Under the ESA, Rio Mesa Resources certified that it corrected the alleged violation and agreed to pay a \$1,750 civil penalty.

**Region 8 Concluded an Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) and Final Order to Resolve Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Violations with Top Shelf Energy, LLC** Region 8 entered into an ESA with Top Shelf Energy, LLC in Devils Lake, North Dakota to resolve violations of SPCC regulations. Region 8’s Regional Judicial Officer issued a final order approving the ESA on November 12, 2020. Top Shelf Energy did not have an SPCC Plan and did not have secondary containment on its above ground storage tank. Under the ESA, Top Shelf Energy certified that it corrected the alleged violations and has agreed to pay a \$2,200 civil penalty.

**MT-WY Multi-Agency Federal Leaders Virtual Call Regarding Drinking Water/Waste Water/Solid Waste in Indian Country** On November 16, 2020, Region 8 hosted its fourth virtual call with leaders from multiple federal agencies regarding drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste issues in Indian country in Montana and Wyoming. Federal leaders from USDA RD, USACE, BIA (DOI/IESC), EDA, IHS, and HUD participated in the call. Draft resource templates and an initial plan to outreach to tribes were discussed. The next step will be to reach out to the Tribe’s staff to gather feedback.

**CERCLA Training for Colorado School of Mines** Region 8 provided CERCLA training to Colorado School of Mines students on November 17, 2020. The presentation covered the legal and scientific risk assessment aspects of CERCLA followed by a Question and Answer session.

**Region 8 responds to letter from the Oglala Sioux Tribe regarding tribal consultation for the Dewey Burdock UIC Class III Uranium in-situ recovery permit** On November 18, 2020, Region 8 responded to a letter from the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The letter explained Region 8's tribal consultation process for this permit which spanned nearly five years with 38 tribes and why it was reasonable for EPA to conclude the tribal consultation process.

**Chemical Safety Workshops** On November 18, 2020, Region 8 Unit will virtually participate in a chemical safety workshop titled Federal Regulations 201 as hosted by the Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership (CEPP). The CEPP is a non-profit organization that promotes joint emergency planning between public and private sectors in Colorado by working with federal, state, local and private-sector entities to strengthen partnerships. Region 8 will present on the Risk Management Program Reconsideration Rule and America's Water Infrastructure Act as the act pertains to emergency preparedness.

**No Upcoming Major Decisions and Regional Administrator Events for the week of November 23, 2020.**